

82D CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 219

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 1952

Mr. JACKSON of Washington submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the armed forces of the free world stand vastly outnumbered by those of the slave world; and

Whereas such inferiority in numbers can be compensated for only through overwhelming superiority in military firepower, conventional and atomic and hydrogen; and

Whereas far from possessing such incontestable superiority in quantity and quality of weapons, the armies of the alliance of free peoples now actually lag behind the military forces of the Soviet Union in conventional firepower; and

Whereas atomic and hydrogen armaments herald a new order of magnitude in deterring power and multiply the ability of our armies to keep the peace; and

Whereas the substitution, wherever possible, of atomic and hydrogen firepower for conventional firepower holds forth the promise of greater military security with far lower

defense budgets than would otherwise be necessary: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a temporary
3 bipartisan joint congressional committee authorized and di-
4 rected to investigate ways and means of augmenting the
5 firepower of our Armed Forces, to be composed of two
6 members from the Armed Services Committee of the Senate,
7 two members from the Armed Services Committee of the
8 House, and four members from the Joint Committee on
9 Atomic Energy, two being Members of the Senate and two
10 being Members of the House.

11 SEC. 2. The committee, or any duly authorized sub-
12 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit
13 and act at such times and places, to require by subpoena (to
14 be issued under the signature of the chairman or vice chair-
15 man of the committee) or otherwise the attendance of such
16 witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and
17 documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony,
18 to procure such printing and binding, and to make such
19 expenditures as it deems advisable. The cost of steno-
20 graphic services to report such hearings shall not be in
21 excess of 25 cents per hundred words.

22 SEC. 3. The committee is authorized to appoint and,
23 without regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended,

1 fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, technicians,
2 and clerical and stenographic assistants as it deems neces-
3 sary and advisable.

4 SEC. 4. The expenses of the committee, which shall
5 not exceed \$50,000 in the period ending December 31,
6 1952, shall be paid one-half from the contingent fund of
7 the Senate and one-half from the contingent fund of the
8 House of Representatives upon vouchers signed by the chair-
9 man or vice chairman. Disbursements to pay such expenses
10 shall be made by the Clerk of the House of Representatives
11 out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives,
12 such contingent fund to be reimbursed from the contingent
13 fund of the Senate in the amount of one-half of disburse-
14 ments so made without regard to any other provision of
15 law.

16 SEC. 5. The committee shall report its findings to the
17 Congress not later than January 3, 1953.

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Providing for a temporary bipartisan joint congressional committee to investigate the firepower of our armed services, and for other purposes.

By Mr. JACKSON of Washington

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